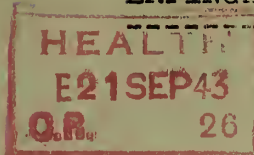


ERPINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for 1942.



Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you the Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1942.

The Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health is required by an Order of the Ministry of Health, which outlines the scope, intent and the use of the Report. On the instruction of the Minister this report is condensed on account of war conditions.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Population (Census 1931) 17,000.

Number of inhabited houses according to rate books 5,158.

Number of Families or separate occupiers - Census 1931 - 4438.

Rateable Value £65,044.

Sum represented by a 1d. rate £258.

Extract from Vital Statistics for the Year.

	<u>BIRTHS.</u>		
	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	149	152	301
Illegitimate	11	13	24
	160	165	325

Birth Rate (1937) 13.66 per 1,000 population.

(1938) 13.28 " " "

(1939) 13.58 " " "

(1940) 12.35 " " "

(1941) 15.53 " " "

(1942) 20.26 " " "

England & Wales (1942) 15.8 " " "

	<u>DEATHS.</u>		
	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
	119	113	232

Death Rate (1937) 12.96 per 1,000 population.

(1938) 11.6 " " "

(1939) 10.39 " " "

(1940) 12.89 " " "

(1941) 13.96 " " "

(1942) 14.46 " " "

England & Wales (1942) 11.6 " " "

There were 43 deaths attributable to Cancer.

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of diseases and accidents in pregnancy and childbirth:-

Sepsis Nil

Other Causes Nil

Deaths of infants under 1 year per 1,000 births.

(1937) 29.53

(1938) 29.9

(1939) 25.9

(1940) 28.69

(1941) 50.41

(1942) 40.81

England &  
Wales

(1942) 49.

Legitimate.

Illegitimate.

Total Deaths under 1 year

Deaths from Measles (All ages)

Nil

Deaths from Whooping Cough "

Nil

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)

Nil

General Provision of Health Services in the Area.

1. Public Health Officers to the Local Authority.

Dr. D. B. C. Lawson, M.B. Ch.B., is Medical Officer of Health (part-time)

Mr. Gordon L. Evatt, M. Inst., H.E., F.F.A.S., is whole-time Surveyor of  
and Sanitary Inspector.

2. Nursing in the Home.

In cases of Infectious Disease which cannot conveniently be removed  
to Hospital, a Nurse is provided by the Council on occasion.

3. Midwives.

Approximately 10 midwives practice in the area.

No midwife is employed or subsidised by the Council.

4. Hospitals. The following hospitals are available for the inhabitants  
of the area:-

North East Norfolk Joint Isolation Hospital. 16 beds.

Cromer and District Hospital.

Norfolk and Norwich General Hospital.

Jenny Lind Hospital for Children.

North Walsham Cottage Hospital.

5. Ambulance Facilities.

The Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade in Cromer possesses  
an excellent ambulance, which is available throughout the District  
for non-infectious cases and accidents. This also applies to Holt  
and District.

Infectious cases are removed to Hospital by a special motor car,  
which is disinfected immediately after use.

Schools.

The sanitary condition and water supply of the Elementary Schools  
in the District is satisfactory.

Infectious Diseases in Schools.

The School Medical Officer is notified by teachers of all children  
absent from school on account of illness. Duplicates of such notifi-  
cations are invariably sent to the Medical Officer of Health. Thus  
a child suffering from Diphtheria would be notified to the Medical  
Officer of Health by a Doctor and by the Head Teacher, who would also  
notify the Medical Officer of Health of other children absent on  
account of sore throats and if they had seen their Doctor.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

All milk produced throughout the District is of good quality.

All dairies and cowsheds have been regularly inspected during the  
year, and several improvements carried out.

Regular sampling under the Milk (Special Designations) Orders has  
been carried out.

Prevalence of, and Control over Infectious Diseases.

The prevalence of Notifiable Infectious Diseases during the year  
was about the average.

There were 37 cases of Scarlet Fever.

No cases of Diphtheria.

Contd.

No cases of Enteric Fever.  
 8 Cases of Measles.  
 2 Cases of Puerperal Pyrexia.  
 No Cases of Pneumonia.  
 No Cases of Erysipelas.  
 No Cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum  
 notified during the year.  
 67 Cases of Whooping Cough.

Immunisation of children against Diphtheria has been prosecuted with enthusiasm and success, and 44% of children under 5 and 68% 5 - 15 have been immunised.

The accommodation at the Isolation Hospital has proved sufficient.

50 cases were admitted during the year, 18 cases from the Erpingham District, 14 cases from the North Walsham District, no cases from Sheringham and 18 from Cromer.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

1 case was notified during the year.

Tuberculosis.

New cases and Mortality during 1942.

Age periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 - 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 15	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
15 - 20	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
20 - 25	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	-
25 - 35	2	2	-	-	2	1	-	1
35 - 45	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
45 - 55	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
55 - 65	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	6	5	-	3	3	3	1	1

No action was taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925, during the year.

Sanitary Inspector's Report.

Complaints received	103
Numbers detected without complaint	24
Nuisances abated	111
Notices served	23
Summonses taken out	-
Convictions	-
Bakehouse inspections	14
Workshops inspections	10
Filthy houses cleansed	-
Houses Disinfected	34
Overcrowding abated	-
Wells sunk or improved supplies of water	2
Wells closed	-
Wells cleansed or repaired	5
Houses connected with the sewer	-
Houses connected with the water mains	-
Improvement to Sanitary Conveniences	8
Samples of water taken for analysis	6

Administration of the Factory and Workshops Act in connection with Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

1. Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.  
Inspections made by the Sanitary Inspector.

<u>Premises.</u>	<u>Inspections.</u>	<u>Written Notices.</u>	<u>Prosecutions.</u>
Factories (including Factory Laundries)	2	1	-
Workshops (including Workshop Laundries)	10	-	-
Workplaces (other than Outworkers premises)	-	-	-

2. Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

<u>Particulars.</u>	<u>Number Found.</u>	<u>Defects remedied.</u>
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(Signed) D.B.C. LAWSON, M.B., Ch.B.,  
Medical Officer of Health.

September, 1943.